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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)
WITHOUT FILING FEE AND/OR WITHOUT EXECUTED INVENTOR'S DECLARATION

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Date: November 26, 2001

Sir:

This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING CARBON BLACK, AND FURNACE COMBUSTION APPARATUS AND FURNACE COMBUSTION METHOD

without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☐ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract

59 pages of specification and claims (including 29 numbered claims), and

7 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.

☐ Record the attached assignment and return to the undersigned.

☐ Attached is a Power of Attorney.

☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

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Country

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, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.

Certified copy(ies) filed on _____ in prior application no. _____ filed _____

☒ Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: -- **This application is a continuation of Application No. PCT/JP01/02560, filed 28 March 2001, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.** --

☒ Please enter the attached preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee.

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PCT/JP01/02560 filed on March 28, 2001, into the
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